



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| PROJECT TITLE | Round Mountain Fuel Reduction | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | Approximately 13 miles southeast from the community of Paynes Creek, CA along Ponderosa Way between South Antelope Creek and Mill Creek. | COUNTY | Tehama |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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Project Description

The goal of this project is to reduce hazardous fuel profiles within the Wildland/Urban Interface Defense Zone and to improve the fire protection to existing timber stands and timberlands 150 foot distance from each side of Ponderosa Way over a distance of 1.6 miles.. Specific objectives of this project are to reduce surface and ladder fuel loadings and modify fuel spacing arrangement, density and type within the project area to create a more fire-safe landscape. All work will be conducted by Cal Fire inmate hand crews using hand tools and chainsaws. The crews will cut and pile excess fuels and the piles will be disposed of by pile burning. No broadcast burning is proposed.

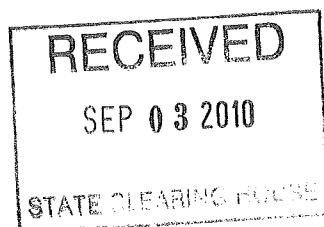
EXEMPTION STATUS

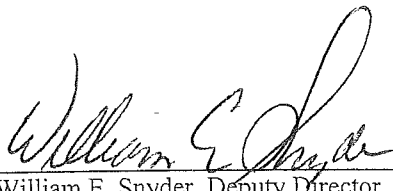
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 (e) Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Minimal ground disturbance is expected as all work will be done utilizing hand crews. No heavy equipment will be used on the project. No watercourses are present in the project area. A current NDDB search was conducted. The project as proposed will not have a negative impact upon any listed species of plant or animal with potential to be found on the project area. A current Archaeological Records Check was obtained and the project area was surveyed by a CAL FIRE Archaeologist. No sites were identified. Native American Inquiry letters were sent to Tribal Members on the current contact list. This project as proposed will not have a significant impact on the environment. Field review by Cal Fire staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department's findings are that no significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of this project. Documentation on the environmental review completed by Cal Fire is kept on file at Cal Fire's Tehama-Glenn Unit Headquarters.

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